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## Senator Nancy Cassis Named Policy Committee Chair

LANSING – Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, announced today that she will serve as Chair of the Senate Republican Policy Committee for the 2003-2004 legislative session.

"By serving on this committee, I will be afforded the opportunity to help guide the Republican agenda on legislation that will have a positive impact on the families of Michigan," Cassis said. "Through a cooperative effort with the House of Representatives, this committee will be able to contribute greatly to the success of this state in the coming years."

The Senate Policy Committee was formed by Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, to increase caucus involvement and input in crafting the Senate Republican agenda as well as outlining the issues the Senate will address.

"The Policy Committee will play a major role in setting forth an agenda dealing with key issues that serve the people of this state," Sikkema said. "As a State Representative, Nancy Cassis demonstrated the qualities the chair of this committee needs: strong leadership skills, an incredible work ethic, and an ability to bring people together to improve Michigan. I have no doubt that as a Senator and Chair of the Policy Committee, Nancy will be a tremendous asset."

Along with her duties on the Policy Committee, Cassis also serves as Chair of the Finance Committee, Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, and is a member of the Government Operations and Technology and Energy Committees.

Joining Cassis on the Policy Committee are Sens. Laura Toy, R- Livonia; Tom George, R- Kalamazoo; Wayne Kuipers, R- Holland; and Cameron Brown, R- Sturgis.